

Botswana's Desert & Delta

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Summary

This was an outstanding trip for wildlife sightings: three separate packs of Wild Dogs were watched at close range for a few hours in total and including greeting and adults feeding young; three male cheetahs killing an Impala, three leopard sightings, two male lions feeding on a dead hippo, 11 species of antelopes including Sable, Roan and Gemsbok – all uncommon in this part of Okavango – plus African Wildcat and Honey Badger, and 32 species of mammals in total including Elephant, Giraffe, Buffalo, Zebra, Hippopotamus and Warthog. More important than the number of species was the quality of the sightings – with all the main species providing excellent and close-up views.

Day 1

Monday 15th October

Very hot

The flight arrived on time in Maun where Disho, our guide, was waiting to meet the group. Bags were soon loaded and we set off in onto our roomy safari truck on the five hour drive to camp, stopping just outside town for lunch. The first part of the journey lay through rather featureless bush and mopane scrub, but improved once we crossed the veterinary cordon fence (to control transmission of foot-and-mouth-disease) and got closer to the Okavango. We saw the first Zebra, Elephant, African Buffalo, Giraffe and Warthog of the trip, as well as the first of many groups of Impala. Four Greater Kudu males posed obligingly close to the road, and we counted 10 delicate little Steenbok, while three Gemsboks made for a very rare sighting in this part of Botswana. There was a brief view of an Ostrich, a Bateleur, and plus three species of hornbills.

A very sad sighting was a lost baby Elephant that ran out of the bush to our vehicle, apparently mistaking it for its mother. It wandered forlornly around the vehicle and trailer, rubbing against the tyres, but there was nothing we could do except leave it to its fate and carry on to the Khwai Community Concession and our camp among a clump of Camel-thorn Acacias. The camp staff had travelled ahead and comfortable safari tents (complete with individual bush shower and loo) awaited us.

Day 2

Tuesday 16th October

Cloud early and a cooler start, but soon heated up. Short rain in the afternoon with lightning and again cooler

Camp routine was established – 5am wake-up, 5.30 light breakfast, and off on the morning game drive. A Giant Eagle Owl was perched on a branch just outside camp and fresh tracks showed we had just missed a group of Lions. On the nearby Khwai River we saw the first of many Hippos, and more Elephants, Zebra, Giraffe, and Kudu, as well as many Red Lechwe (an Okavango speciality), Waterbuck, and a few of the much less common Southern Reedbuck, as well as many water birds. A coffee stop in the shade beneath a large Rain Tree produced a soaring Wahlberg's Eagle, a Gabar Goshawk and good views of Southern Ground Hornbill. There was a glimpse of a Slender Mongoose as we worked our way through the varied woodland and bush to a Wild Dog den where we were delighted to find seven young above ground playing with a piece of Impala skin, tugging and play fighting with each other.

On the way back, Disho noted a Bush Squirrel alarm calling insistently in the direction of a dense Bluebush close to the road: careful scanning with binoculars through small gaps at the base of the bush revealed a Leopard crouched inside! We worked our way around and got reasonable views of it - a sub-adult – but through a screen of branches. We were back in camp at 11.30 for lunch and a siesta.

The afternoon game drive started around 4pm after a cup of tea/coffee. Our target was the group of Lions we had narrowly missed this morning and within five minutes of leaving camp we found them moving slowly towards the river - two adult lionesses and six young. They walked right past the vehicle and crouched down to drink at the river edge where we were able to watch from 30 metres away. They then moved back to the road and stretched out to sleep.

Further on we came across a pack of 18 Wild Dogs resting under a tree and nearby bushes. We stayed to watch them for nearly two hours, seeing the pack greeting ritual when they jumped up and ran around excitedly, sniffing each other and playing in small groups. This is the normal prelude to a hunt, but this time they simply moved a short way before a second bout of greeting and playing began, giving first-class views, sometimes only a few metres from the vehicle. Heavy cloud built up and a short rain shower cooled the air.

We left the dogs and headed off on a short night drive. A group of Banded Mongooses was seen in the twilight, three Hippos were feeding out on the river bank and we found the eight Lions moving in the gloom down river. The remainder of the drive was unproductive until we came across a Honey Badger on the road, close to camp!

Day 3

Wednesday 17th October

Heavy rain overnight made for a cool start, but it heated up rapidly by 11; cooler afternoon following rain

Another group of Lions had been located but they were asleep and surrounded by vehicles so we left them alone. In the mopane woodland we found a Roan Antelope, another species that is not common in this area. Coffee was taken by a small pool, where we also saw the first Blue Wildebeest of the trip and several groups of Burchell's Sandgrouse coming in to drink. Later highlights included a baby Elephant confidently swimming across the river to join its mother, a troop of 30 Baboons, two Water Monitor Lizards by the river and a pair of graceful Wattled Cranes and a Marsh Harrier.

A short, sharp rainstorm during lunch freshened up the atmosphere. Reports come in that the first pack of Wild Dogs from yesterday had been seen hunting, so we systematically criss-crossed the bush, Disho looking all the time for tracks. Eventually a Wild Dog was spotted feeding. We followed it cautiously back to the den, where the 7 young and 3 other adults were all lying waiting. For the second afternoon in a row we spent over an hour with first class views as the adult periodically regurgitated a small item of food for the young ones who then played and fought together. We left them to drink a welcome sundowner in an open area and watch the sun set before beginning the second night drive, the undoubted highlight being a large male African Wildcat lying on the ground and posing for photos. A Flap-neck Chameleon and another Giant Eagle Owl made up the supporting cast.

Day 4

Thursday 18th October

Cool night and morning. Warm later

We took a short drive around camp then through Khwai village to the entrance to Moremi Game Reserve. A section of green floodplain grassland held around 400 Red Lechwe, with a Crocodile and Goliath Heron in the water. Soon, Disho spotted a Leopard lying at the base of a termite mound: it quickly headed for a clump of bushes at our approach but still gave quite clear views. We then had a long drive through rather uniform mopane woodland and scrub, with Arnott's Chat, a local speciality, being the most notable bird, and carried on to the South Gate and a picnic lunch.

Another long pool and green patch had a rich variety of animals grazing – Zebra, Warthog, Red Lechwe, Waterbuck, Reedbuck, Kudu, Impala, Wildebeest and Tsessebe. A Martial Eagle was also seen. A Giraffe came down to drink, carefully performing the splits to reach the water. Further on, the Hippo Pool was full of Hippos grunting and bellowing, while another Goliath Heron, Coppery-tailed Coucal, Kittlitz's Plover, Common Pratincoles and other waders were present around the edge.

Careful scanning of an extensive area of open grassland was rewarded with the great sight of three male Cheetahs in the late afternoon sunlight lying at the base of a termite mound not very far away – one of them radio-collared as part of a research project. We watched for a while as they set off to hunt. Further on, a Black Mamba raced across the road and a Spotted Hyena lay in the road in front of us before moving off into the bush. We arrived at our new camp close to a small creek just before dusk.

Day 5

Friday 19th October

Cool morning but quickly heated up and stayed very hot all day

In the long grass at the edge of a marsh we picked up some more local bird specialities – Bronze-bellied Heron, Hartlaub's Babbler and Three-lined Tchagra. Returning to the plains we soon relocated the Cheetahs on another mound. They advanced towards us and strolled nonchalantly by, again giving great views, before settling down in the shade. We had morning coffee at the Hippo Pool. The afternoon drive through very varied woodland was very hot. Another Spotted Hyena was seen, this time in much better light, while a pair of Red-crested Korhaans provided the avian highlight.

Day 6

Saturday 20th October

Cool night with light rain. Cool and cloudy all day

The morning drive began with two Spotted Hyenas on the road within five minutes of camp, followed by a large herd of African Buffalo. A few waders were feeding on the muddy edges of a shallow pan. After coffee, we followed some Lion tracks and headed towards a few vultures in a line of trees: an extremely smelly dead Hippo lay on the road nearby. Suddenly, two male Lions emerged from the trees and walked up and down past the corpse a couple of times before settling down to feed. We were able to watch them tearing the thick skin and feeding for 45 minutes (fortunately from the upwind side!). A beautiful Crimson-breasted Shrike adorned the route back to camp for our own lunch.

Later, we headed back toward the 'cheetah plain' as word had come in that they had made a kill. Although we soon found the three male Cheetahs again there was no sign of the kill so we went in search of the local pack of Wild Dogs but failed to locate them. A long shallow creek and adjoining grass held many antelopes and birds including Capped Wheatear and Whiskered Tern. A large group of Banded Mongooses sprinted across the road on the way back.

Day 7

Sunday 21st October

Cool start, cloudy all day and never more than warm

The big plain was again dotted with antelopes, a Honey Badger foraged in the distance and four Spotted Hyenas loped across the grassland. The three male Cheetahs were relocated but sleeping. We returned after coffee and waited and watched awhile: they moved carefully to behind another mound, weighed up a group of feeding Impala, then stalked closer before a sprint and short chase before they pulled one down. As we watched them feeding, 14 Sable Antelopes, including handsome black males, came to drink briefly – another uncommon species in this part of the Okavango. As we drove back to camp for lunch we passed 10 Wild Dogs sleeping under some bushes – the third pack of the trip.

During the siesta, a commotion nearby turned out to be a herd of 60 Elephants – evidently spooked by something – that ran through and right past the camp. The afternoon drive turned up several groups of vultures clustered in trees but we failed to locate a kill or a predator. Eventually, we did find the Wild Dog pack – 5 adults and 11 young. Again we were privileged to watch the greeting ritual as they moved down towards the water. The adults were clearly set to hunt but it was late and we had to get back to camp before dark. Seventy Great White Pelicans flew overhead in arrowhead formation as we watched the Wild Dogs and we recorded an Osprey and another Giant Eagle Owl on the way back.

Day 8

Monday 22nd October

After breakfast we said goodbye to the three camp staff and set off back. A leisurely start took us through Moremi, including coffee by pool with Hippos, a Crocodile and a Water Monitor. Soon after, another Leopard was discerned under a bush, not far from the road. This time, perhaps unnerved by our presence, it made a run for the next clump of bushes, pausing once to look at us and giving an excellent final sighting. All too soon we were back on the road and the short, hot drive back to Maun and the flight to Johannesburg...

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Species List

Mammals (✓ = recorded but not counted)

| | Common name | Scientific name | October | | | | | | | |
|----|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| | | | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 1 | Elephant | <i>Loxodonta africana</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 2 | Hippopotamus | <i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 3 | Giraffe | <i>Giraffa camelopardis</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 4 | Burchell's Zebra | <i>Equus burchelli</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 5 | African Buffalo | <i>Syncerus caffer</i> | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| 6 | Impala | <i>Aepyceros melampus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 7 | Red Lechwe | <i>Kobus lechwe</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 8 | Southern Reedbuck | <i>Redunca fulvorufula</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | |
| 9 | Common Waterbuck | <i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | |
| 10 | Greater Kudu | <i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 11 | Blue Wildebeest | <i>Connocheates taurinus</i> | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 12 | Tsessebe | <i>Damalisus lunatus</i> | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 13 | Sable Antelope | <i>Hippotragus niger</i> | | | | | | | ✓ | |
| 14 | Roan Antelope | <i>Hippotragus equinus</i> | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| 15 | Gemsbok | <i>Oryx gazella</i> | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| 16 | Steenbok | <i>Raphiceus campestris</i> | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | |
| 17 | Warthog | <i>Phacoceros aethiopicus</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 18 | Lion | <i>Panthera leo</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | | |
| 19 | Leopard | <i>Panthera pardus</i> | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | ✓ |
| 20 | Cheetah | <i>Acinonyx jubatus</i> | | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 21 | African Wildcat | <i>Felis lybica</i> | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| 22 | African Wild Dog | <i>Lycaon pictus</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | ✓ | |
| 23 | Black-backed Jackal | <i>Canis mesomelas</i> | | | | | | | | ✓ |
| 24 | Spotted Hyena | <i>Crocuta crocuta</i> | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 25 | Honey Badger | <i>Mellivora capensis</i> | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| 26 | Banded Mongoose | <i>Mungos mungo</i> | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 27 | Slender Mongoose | <i>Herpestes sanguineus</i> | | ✓ | | | | | | |
| 28 | Dwarf Mongoose | <i>Helogale parvula</i> | | | | ✓ | | | | |
| 29 | Chacma Baboon | <i>Papio ursinus</i> | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 30 | Vervet Monkey | <i>Cercopithecus arthiops</i> | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | |
| 31 | Scrub Hare | <i>Lepus saxatilis</i> | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| 32 | Smith's Bush Squirrel | <i>Paraxerus cepapi</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

Reptiles & Amphibians

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|---|---------------------|------------------------------|--|---|---|---|---|--|--|---|
| 1 | Reptiles | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Crocodile | <i>Crocodylus nilotica</i> | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| 3 | Water Monitor | <i>Varanus niloticus</i> | | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ |
| 4 | Black Mamba | <i>Dendroaspis polylepis</i> | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| 5 | Flap-neck Chameleon | <i>Cameleo dilepis</i> | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| 6 | Leopard Tortoise | <i>Stigmachelys pardatus</i> | | | ✓ | | | | | |

Birds

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|---|----------------|--------------------------------|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Little Grebe | <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i> | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 2 | Reed Cormorant | <i>Phalacrocorax africanus</i> | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| 3 | African Darter | <i>Anhinga rufa</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 4 | Goliath heron | <i>Ardea goliath</i> | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| 5 | Grey Heron | <i>Ardea cinerea</i> | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |

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| 6 | Yellow-billed Egret | <i>Egretta intermedia</i> | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 7 | Great Egret | <i>Egretta alba</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 8 | Little Egret | <i>Egretta garzetta</i> | | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 9 | Cattle Egret | <i>Bubulcus ibis</i> | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| 10 | Squacco Heron | <i>Ardeola ralloides</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 11 | Black Heron | <i>Egretta ardesiaca</i> | | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |
| 12 | Slaty Egret | <i>Egretta vinaceigula</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 13 | Rufous-bellied Heron | <i>Ardeola rufiventris</i> | | | | | | ✓ | | | |
| 14 | Green-backed Heron | <i>Butorides striatus</i> | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | |
| 15 | Yellow-billed Stork | <i>Mycteria ibis</i> | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 16 | African Marabou | <i>Leptoptilos crumeniferus</i> | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| 17 | Saddlebill Stork | <i>Ephippiorhynchus seneg.</i> | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 18 | African Openbill | <i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 19 | African Spoonbill | <i>Platalea alba</i> | | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| 20 | Hamerkop | <i>Scopus umbretta</i> | | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| 21 | Hadeda Ibis | <i>Bostrychia hagedash</i> | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 22 | Glossy Ibis | <i>Plegadis falcinellus</i> | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | | |
| 23 | Sacred Ibis | <i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 24 | Spur-winged Goose | <i>Plectropterus gambensis</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 25 | Egyptian Goose | <i>Alopochen aegyptiacus</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 26 | White-faced Duck | <i>Dendrocygna viduata</i> | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 27 | African Pygmy Goose | <i>Nettapus auritus</i> | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ |
| 28 | Yellow-billed Duck | <i>Anas undulata</i> | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| 29 | Red-billed Teal | <i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 30 | Hottentot Teal | <i>Anas hottentota</i> | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 31 | Lappet-faced Vulture | <i>Torgos tracheliotus</i> | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | |
| 32 | White-headed Vulture | <i>Trigonoceps occipitalis</i> | | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| 33 | African White-backed Vulture | <i>Gyps africanus</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 34 | Hooded Vulture | <i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i> | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 35 | African Fish Eagle | <i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 36 | Osprey | <i>Pandion haliaetus</i> | | | | | | | | ✓ | |
| 37 | Bateleur | <i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 38 | Brown Snake Eagle | <i>Circaetus cinereus</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| 39 | Blk-chstd Snake Eagle | <i>Circaetus gallicus</i> | | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| 40 | Tawny Eagle | <i>Aquila rapax</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| 41 | Wahlberg's Eagle | <i>Aquila wahlbergi</i> | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 42 | Martial Eagle | <i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i> | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | |
| 43 | African Hawk Eagle | <i>Hieraaetus fasciatus</i> | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| 44 | African Marsh Harrier | <i>Circus ranivorus</i> | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | |
| 45 | Yellow-billed Kite | <i>Milvus aegyptius</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 46 | Gabar Goshawk | <i>Melierax gabar</i> | | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| 47 | Red-billed Francolin | <i>Pternistes adspersus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 48 | Swainson's Spurfowl | <i>Pternistes swainsonii</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 49 | Crested Francolin | <i>Peliperdix sephaena</i> | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | |
| 50 | Helmeted Guineafowl | <i>Numida meleagris</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 51 | Common Moorhen | <i>Gallinula chloropus</i> | | | | | | | | | ✓ |
| 52 | Black Crake | <i>Amaurornis flavirostris</i> | | | | | ✓ | | | | |
| 53 | African Jacana | <i>Actophilornis africanus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 54 | Wattled Crane | <i>Grus carunculatus</i> | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 55 | Secretary Bird | <i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i> | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| 56 | Kori Bustard | <i>Ardeotis kori</i> | | | | | | | ✓ | | |

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| 57 | Red-crested Korhaan | <i>Eupodotis ruficrista</i> | | | | | ✓ | | | |
| 58 | Black-winged Stilt | <i>Himantopus himantopus</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 59 | Kittlitz's Plover | <i>Charadrius pecuarius</i> | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 60 | Crowned Plover | <i>Vanellus coronatus</i> | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 61 | Long-toed Plover | <i>Vanellus crassirostris</i> | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| 62 | Blacksmith Plover | <i>Vanellus armatus</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 63 | Little Stint | <i>Calidris minuta</i> | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 64 | Ruff | <i>Philomachus pugnax</i> | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 65 | Common Sandpiper | <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i> | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | |
| 66 | Green Sandpiper | <i>Tringa ochropus</i> | | | | ✓ | | | | |
| 67 | Wood Sandpiper | <i>Tringa glareola</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | |
| 68 | Greenshank | <i>Tringa nebularia</i> | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 69 | Marsh Sandpiper | <i>Tringa stagnatilis</i> | | | | | | | ✓ | |
| 70 | Greater Painted Snipe | <i>Rostratula benghalensis</i> | | | | | | ✓ | | |
| 71 | Common Pratincole | <i>Glareola pratincola</i> | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| 72 | Spotted Dikkop | <i>Burhinus capensis</i> | | | | | | ✓ | | |
| 73 | Whiskered Tern | <i>Chilidonias hybridus</i> | | | | | | | | ✓ |
| 74 | Double-banded Sandgrouse | <i>Pterocles bicinctus</i> | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | |
| 75 | Burchell's Sandgrouse | <i>Pterocles burchelli</i> | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 76 | Red-eyed Dove | <i>S. semitorquata</i> | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 77 | Cape Turtle Dove | <i>Streptopelia capicola</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 78 | Laughing Dove | <i>S.senegalensis</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 79 | Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove | <i>Turtur chalcospilos</i> | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 80 | Namaqua Dove | <i>Oena capensis</i> | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| 81 | Meyer's Parrot | <i>Poicephalus meyeri</i> | | | | ✓ | | | | |
| 82 | Grey Lourie | <i>Corythaixoides concolor</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 83 | African Cuckoo | <i>Cuculus gularis</i> | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | |
| 84 | Jacobin Cuckoo | <i>Cuculus jacobinus</i> | | ✓ | | | | | | |
| 85 | Striped Cuckoo | <i>Clamator leuillantii</i> | | | | | | | | ✓ |
| 86 | Copery-tailed Coucal | <i>Centrop.cupreicaudus</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 87 | Senegal Coucal | <i>C. senegalensis</i> | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | |
| 88 | Giant Eagle Owl | <i>Bubo lacteus</i> | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 89 | Pearl-spotted Owlet | <i>Glaucidium perlatum</i> | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | |
| 90 | Nightjar Sp. | <i>Caprimulgus Sp.</i> | | ✓ | | | | | | |
| 91 | African Palm Swift | <i>Cypsiurus parvus</i> | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 92 | Pied Kingfisher | <i>Ceryle rudis</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 93 | European Bee-eater | <i>Merops apiaster</i> | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | |
| 94 | Blue-cheeked Bee-eater | <i>Merops persicus</i> | | | | ✓ | | | | |
| 95 | S Carmine Bee-eater | <i>Merops nubicoides</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | |
| 96 | Swallow-tailed Bee-eater | <i>Merops hirundineus</i> | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 97 | Little Bee-eater | <i>Merops pusillus</i> | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | |
| 98 | Lilac-breasted Roller | <i>Coracias caudata</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 99 | Purple Roller | <i>Coracias naevia</i> | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| 100 | Broad-billed Roller | <i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | |
| 101 | S Ground Hornbill | <i>Bucorvus leadbeateri</i> | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| 102 | Bradfield's Hornbill | <i>Tockus bradfieldi</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | |
| 103 | African Grey Hornbill | <i>Tockus nasutus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | |
| 104 | S Yellow-billed Hornbill | <i>Tockus leucomelas</i> | | | | | | | | |
| 105 | Red-billed Hornbill | <i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 106 | Red-billed Woodhoopoe | <i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| 107 | Common Scimitarbill | <i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i> | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | |

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| | | | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | |
| 108 | African Hoopoe | <i>Upupa africana</i> | | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | |
| 109 | Cardinal Woodpecker | <i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i> | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| 110 | Bennett's Woodpecker | <i>Campethera bennettii</i> | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | |
| 111 | Bearded Woodpecker | <i>Thripias namaquus</i> | | | ✓ | | | | | | |
| 112 | Fawn-coloured Lark | <i>Mirafraga africanaoides</i> | | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| 113 | Barn Swallow | <i>Hirundo rustica</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 114 | Fork-tailed Drongo | <i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 115 | Black-headed Oriole | <i>Oriolus larvatus</i> | | | | | ✓ | | | | |
| 116 | Pied Crow | <i>Corvus albus</i> | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| 117 | Southern Black Tit | <i>Parus niger</i> | | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| 118 | Arrow-marked Babbler | <i>Turdoides jardineii</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| 119 | Hartlaub's Babbler | <i>Turdoides hartlaubii</i> | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| 120 | Black-eyed Bulbul | <i>Pycnonotus tricolor</i> | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| 121 | Arnott's Chat | <i>Myrmecocichla arnotii</i> | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| 122 | Capped Wheatear | <i>Oenanthe pileata</i> | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| 123 | Common Stonechat | <i>Saxicola torquata</i> | | | | | | ✓ | | | |
| 124 | White-browed Scrub-Robin | <i>Cercotrichas leucophrys</i> | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | |
| 125 | Long-billed Crombec | <i>Sylvietta rufescens</i> | | | | | | ✓ | | | |
| 126 | Fan-tailed Cisticola | <i>Cisticola juncidis</i> | | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| 127 | Rattling Cisticola | <i>Cisticola chiniana</i> | ✓ | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | |
| 128 | Marico Flycatcher | <i>Bradornis mariquensis</i> | | | | | | ✓ | | | |
| 129 | African Paradise Flycatcher | <i>Terpsiphone viridis</i> | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 130 | Chin-spot Batis | <i>Batis molitor</i> | | | | | | ✓ | | | |
| 131 | Cape Wagtail | <i>Motacilla capensis</i> | | | | | | | | ✓ | |
| 132 | African Pipit | <i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i> | | | | | ✓ | | | | |
| 133 | Crimson-breasted Shrike | <i>Laniarius atrococcineus</i> | | | | | | ✓ | | | |
| 134 | Long-tailed Shrike | <i>Corvinella melanoleuca</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | | |
| 135 | Black-crowned Tchagra | <i>Tchagra senegala</i> | | | | | ✓ | | | | |
| 136 | Three-streaked Tchagra | <i>Tchagra australis</i> | | | | | ✓ | | | | |
| 137 | White Helmet Shrike | <i>Prionops plumatus</i> | | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| 138 | Puff-back | <i>Dryoscopus cubla</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | |
| 139 | S White-crowned Shrike | <i>Eurocephalus anguitemens</i> | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| 140 | Brubru | <i>Nilaus afer</i> | | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| 141 | Greater Blue-eared Starling | <i>Lamprotonis chalybaeus</i> | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 142 | Burchell's Starling | <i>Lamprotonis australis</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 143 | Long-tailed Starling | <i>Lamprotonis mevesii</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 144 | Red-billed Oxpecker | <i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 145 | Yellow-billed Oxpecker | <i>Buphagus africanus</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| 146 | White-bellied Sunbird | <i>Cinnyris talatala</i> | | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| 147 | Sthn Grey-headed Sparrow | <i>Passer diffusus</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 148 | Yellow-throated Sparrow | <i>Petronia superciliaris</i> | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | | | |
| 149 | Red-billed Buffalo Weaver | <i>Bubalornis niger</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 150 | White-browed Sparrow Weaver | <i>Plocepasser mahali</i> | | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | | |
| 151 | Lesser Masked Weaver | <i>Ploceus intermedius</i> | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| 152 | Red-headed Weaver | <i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i> | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | | |
| 153 | House Sparrow | <i>Passer domesticus</i> | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| 154 | Jameson's Firefinch | <i>Lagonosticta rhodopareia</i> | | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| 155 | Blue Waxbill | <i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| 156 | Black-throated Canary | <i>Serinus atrogularis</i> | | | ✓ | | | | | | |
| 157 | Golden-breasted Bunting | <i>Emberiza flaviventris</i> | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |